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A Challenge:

What Are You Living For?

By K. L. BRADSHAW

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WHAT IS TRUTH? said jesting Pilate, and would not wait for an answer. "What Am I Living For?" is the appropriate and pertinent question asked by a modern-day jazz song but fails to give a satisfying answer. Today youngsters continue in this mad rush called civilization without giving any sober or conscientious thought to the purpose and real meaning of life. They have not awakened to the tragic fact that they have no positive and worthy goal set before them—the attainment of which it is their business and duty to consecrate and devote themselves. Hence, life for most of these youngsters is a flat, insipid, and tame affair, devoid of challenge to heroism by the exertion and release of youthful vigor. The material things of life, often pressed to the forefront as worthy objects of striving, devotion, and consecration, become paltry and unimportant in the eyes of the more sober and conscientious youths.

I am now thinking of an ambitious young man who has made great strides in educational pursuits. He has attained success in the Senior Cambridge and Higher Schools Examinations, and has also been fortunate in obtaining a good job. To many young men, it seems that success in such exams and the obtaining of a good job mark the Canaan of life's journey. To many, it seems the time for them to say as the Epicureans, "Eat, drink, and be merry." However, listen to the essence of this young man's testimony as he bewails his goal which seems to have taken wings. "I have

passed my exams; I have obtained a good job; my parents bestow upon me all the material comforts that I need; yet, life holds no positive attraction for me. I thought my job would have furnished something positive to which I might devote myself, but therein, too, I am misled. My job has become insipid and uninteresting, and there is nothing left for which I must live."

You wonder why there are so many cases of suicide? You are awe-struck about youthful delinquents who are the upstarts of mobs and riots? It is because of the above-mentioned testimony, the unspoken, though true, testimony of the nation's youth—leanness and barrenness in the soul for lack of something to live for. They cannot put a finger upon an object in the whole realm of life and say as our Lord Jesus, "To this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world," John 18:37. Without realizing that God intends them to be conformed to the image of His Son (Romans 8:29), they go into life like a ship without a rudder and are tossed to and fro by life's unrelenting tempest. Dr. Chalmers said, "It is not necessary that a man receive pain from anything in order to become miserable." He went on to say that the individual who excels his fellow men in misery is the one who sees neither in heaven above nor in the earth beneath a single charm or attraction which can become to him a worthy goal for his pursuit in life. You have probably heard that nature abhors a vacuum and in this respect, we are closely akin to na-

ture. Our great Creator made us to have some noble and worthy object of pursuit and that is to glorify Him, not only in the present life but for the numberless eons of eternity. A heart bereft of such a wonderful object of pursuit, i.e. to exalt and glorify our great God, is reduced to the most miserable state, and finding itself to be like Solomon of old, pronouncing all to be vanity and vexation of spirit.

By this time you probably realize that I am introducing to you the Christian way of life. Most young men, upon being entreated to embrace the Christian faith, brush aside the entreaty with a pitying leer, and reply, "Do you think I am a sissy? That is a religion for the misfits of life and for old people." A more damaging and dangerous lie could not be instilled in the minds of youth than that which brands Christianity as an effeminate and weak-kneed religion, particularly adjusted for the social misfits, and a fire-escape for the jaded remains of old people for whom apparently the world and the devil no longer care. Choke that devilish fiend which suggests that the religion which Moses embraced when he came to the fork in life's road was one of cushioned ease that entails no sacrifice, heroism, pluck, and adventure. The Bible says that Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, but renounced all the paltry, wordly honours, and preferred to suffer with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. This man, who can be ranked among the

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"And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord God" (Ezekiel 11:19-21).

The Inward Man

By BETTY FAYE WHEATLEY
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THE LORD knows my heart!" How very often we hear this expression from the children of God. Many times it comes from some saint who has been misunderstood by friends. However, it is all too often someone who has fallen short of the high standards of holiness. These offenders are trying to say in reality, "I have not quite measured up to the Word of God; but the Lord knows I fear

Him and I want all of His blessings!" Unfortunately, they think this clears them of condemnation.

When the minister points out the manifestation of the outward appearance of the offense, the offenders can be heard loudly saying, "The Lord looks on the heart and not on the outward appearance!" Of course, this is true; yet every sin that flourishes and blooms on the outside has roots growing within the heart and finds soil therein from which to spring. To say "The Lord looks on the heart"

is to say, "The Lord gets to the root of the matter!"

The Lord knows that the members of our bodies can be used *only* as we dictate from the heart. Paul says: "For as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness" (Romans 6:19).

THE FEAR of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. However, this is not adequate measurement for a man's life. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). and again, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me" (John 14:21). We have to love the Lord to be able to forsake *our* ways and keep *His* words. Jesus said, "He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings."

Many offenders will place their shortcomings upon a compromising minister, and I feel sure that many ministers will have to answer to God for it. They are not wholly to blame, however, for we are the children of the day.

The Lord has given us a heart of flesh and a new spirit. This is that spirit which Jesus said the Father would send, even the spirit of truth.

One of the prophets wrote, "I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people!"

The Lord has given us His Word of truth and the spirit of truth. The Scripture says, "For I am the Lord: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to

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Still the Good News of the Ages



Special Tennessee Day at Lee College

By JACKIE G. BRIDGES
State Secretary-Treasurer

FOR MANY MONTHS a number of us Tennesseans had been planning a big day for April 10. This was the day we would invade the Lee College campus for observation and enjoyment. The last few days before April 10 were busy ones: some were planning the banquet; some were planning the program; and some were just anticipating the events which were to take place. Finally, a rainy April 10 arrived. Doubt was in the mind of some that we would have a good delegation from our churches; however, this doubt soon turned to gladness as the cars began arriving for the registration of their occupants. Before we had finished registering, we found that over 300 guests had arrived on campus. This number, plus the Tennessee students and faculty members from Tennessee, gave us around 400 Tennesseans for Tennessee Day. A picture of most of the guests who had arrived by 9:00 a.m. is shown on the cover.

Our day got off to a good start in the chapel service of music, under the direction of Rev. A. T. Humphries, Head of the Lee College Music Department. The choir sang beautifully and we were made well aware that this was "God's School for God's Business." From chapel we were directed to the various classrooms where we were honored guests, and we enjoyed visiting in each of them.

Eleven-thirty a.m. arrived with much gladness as the administration of the school had told us that our lunch would be free. Rev. R. C. Muncy and his staff of workers had a good lunch prepared. All comments indicated that it was delicious. I agreed!

One o'clock in the afternoon was again a time of class visitation. At the end of this period, we were visitors of the dormitories or any other department of the school that we chose.

At three p.m. a large delegation was directed and shown through the Church of God General Offices and Publishing House. We were graciously shown through by Joshua Thomas, Head of the Mailing Department of the Publishing House. Many of the young people were amazed at what they saw and heard. We feel that many of them are more appreciative of our Church now than ever before.

From lunch until 7:30 p.m. seemed a long time to wait for our supper. Yet, everyone was soon put

at his ease by the good meal prepared for our banquet. The three hundred who attended the banquet were well pleased and well fed. Mr. Richard Gunn, Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Alcoholism Commission, was our honored guest speaker. All were pleased that we had been able to secure him as our speaker. Many said that they hoped we could secure him again sometime in the future. He can be seen in a picture of the speakers' table. Others in the group are, left to right, front row: Mr. Richard Gunn, Rev. M. E. Roberson, Mrs. R. H. Gause, and Rev. R. H. Gause, Head of the Bible College and Registrar. Standing left to right are: Rev. Bennie S. Triplett, Youth Director of Tennessee and Master of Ceremonies; Mrs. Bennie S. Triplett, Rev. W. C. Byrd, Overseer of Tennessee; Mrs. W. C. Byrd, Mrs. Jackie G. Bridges, and Rev. Jackie G. Bridges, State Secretary-Treasurer of Tennessee and President of the Tennessee Lee College Alumni Association.

All are looking forward to another Tennessee Day next year. We shall give you an invitation now to join us.



IN GOD'S WORD, He speaks of the alliance that Hezekiah's councilors made with the Egyptians, and He refers to it as a bed that they would have to lie on. Hezekiah was the twelfth king of Judah and the son of the apostate Ahaz and Abijah. He ascended the throne at the age of twenty-five, 726 B. C. Being one of the three more nearly perfect kings of Judah, his first act was to purge, repair and open with splendid sacrifices the ceremonies in the temple. He also destroyed the brazen serpent, said to have been the one that Moses had in the wilderness, where the great miraculous healing of the Israelites took place.

and under falsehood have we hid ourselves." Now in the sixteenth verse we find God's reply, "Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste." In the seventeenth verse God also says, "Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place." In the eighteenth verse God speaks of the covenant they have made, and He tells them their covenant shall be disannulled, "and your agreement with hell shall not

lie down on the bed of silver and gold of this world, but you will never find rest for your soul on this bed. It is too short to give you rest; there is no rest whatsoever on this bed for the soul of man. You may go and lie down on the bed of ambition, but this bed will never give rest to your soul. You may attain the honor and power of this world, but there is no rest for the soul of man in the honor nor the power of this world. There is no rest to be found in these things. There is many a man who has bargained at the counter of honor, who has lain down on the bed that is too short to give his soul rest. He stood at the bargain counter and

What Is the Matter With the Bed?

By O. W. RIVENBARK

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TEXT: ISAIAH 28:20

When Isaiah prophesied the death of King Hezekiah, Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to God. He told God what he had done and what he hadn't done, and God prolonged his life fifteen years. We find that in the end the Word tells us that Hezekiah slept with his father after a reign of twenty-nine years—the fifty-sixth year of his life, 697 B. C.

The text tells us the bed is shorter than a man can stretch himself out on and that the cover is narrower than he can cover himself with. If you read in the fourteenth verse, you will find that scornful men had been ruling the people which were in Jerusalem. To these men, the Word of God says in the fourteenth verse, "Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem." In the fifteenth verse we find that these men have said, "We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge,

stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it." And why couldn't they stand? "For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it." The councilors had made an agreement with the Egyptians regarding the alliance that they had made—God calls it the bed.

Many times people make alliances with the world. My friend, God said that sin is going to be exposed and that your sins will find you out. We find in Numbers 32:23, in the last clause of that verse, that God said, "Be sure your sin will find you out." Job 20:27 says, "The heaven shall reveal his iniquity."

Did you ever go to a furniture show where all the different styles of furniture were on display? At such a show you would find some beautiful beds. These beds are for the purpose of furnishing rest for our physical bodies. They can never, however, give rest to the soul of man. My friend, you may go and

bargained for honor and power, but that honor and power will never give his soul rest. You may go and lie down on the bed of worldly pleasure, but the pleasure of this world will never give your soul rest, because there is no love of God in the pleasure of this world. God tells us that if we love the world, the love of the father is not in us. You may seek all known pleasure. Solomon, the wise man, let his heart go out after the things of this world; but finally, he admitted that it was all vanity and vexation of spirit and that there was no rest in it for the soul of man.

You may lie down on the bed of worldly fame, but that bed is too short to give your soul rest. You may climb the ladder of fame until you reach the highest rung on it, but there is no rest for the soul of man. Friend, you may lie down on the bed of hypocrisy—there are many people who are lying on this bed, trying to find rest for their souls, but there is no rest there. Pretending to be something you are not can never fool God; you are

only fooling yourself. There is no rest on this bed. My good friend, you may go farther than this; you may lie down on the bed of formal worship; you may have your creeds; you may have your catechisms; you may have your manner of worship outlined, but these will never give your soul rest. We are warned in God's Word about formalism. Paul told Timothy that the time would come when men would have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. When worshipping God, we must worship Him in spirit. Formalism is repulsive to the man who loves God. We can not please God by going through a form; we must worship Him in spirit. So this bed of formalism will afford no rest to your soul.

These beds remind me of a story that I read one time about a young man. The story relates that a young man was on the top deck of a ship one morning. The sun was shining brightly. He was tossing something that looked like a ball up in the air. And as he tossed the ball up in the air, it would glitter and sparkle. A man approached him and asked him what he had, and the boy answered, "This is a diamond. Why, I have invested all my wealth and fortune in this diamond. It is worth over a million dollars." The man said to him, "Sir, aren't you afraid to play with it like that, tossing it up in the air?" And the man replied, "No." He continued tossing it, again, again, again; but suddenly, he made one little awkward step—he failed to catch the diamond, and over the side it went, falling into the ocean. My friend, when you are lying on these beds that I have mentioned, trying to find rest for your soul, you are only playing with your soul, and if you are not careful, you will lose it.

Now that we have considered the bedstead, which is the alliance that Hezekiah's advisors and councilors had made with the Egyptians, let us take a look at the cover. But before we leave this bed, there is one more thought I wish to bring to your minds. Millions of people today are lying on a certain bed trying to find rest for their souls

and that is the bed of carnal security. They think this bed will give them rest, but it will not. My friend, it is an enemy to your soul. It will sap the life blood from you. I have been told—I don't know whether it is true or not—that there is a large bat in Africa that feeds upon the blood of animals and human beings. One day as a man was out walking, he became very hot. He sat down under the shade of a tree. He did not know the bat was around. As he sat down and began to rest, he felt a little breeze. It was that bat fanning his wings; but as the man enjoyed the breeze, he fell asleep, unaware of the bat's presence. His victim being asleep, the bat pierced his jugular vein, sucked the life blood, flew away, and left him dead. It is in this manner that carnal security will sap the life blood of the soul of man. You may think you are secure in the things of this world. You may think that you have perfect security, but there is security only in Christ Jesus our Lord. He is the One who gives security. The Apostle Paul said, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." What had he committed to Christ? He had committed his soul into the hands of the great Shepherd of humanity, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Now let us consider the cover of this bed. You never go to bed without a covering of some sort—a sheet, coverlet, or something to pull up over your body. Now God said the cover was too narrow to cover with. You may lay your head on the pillow of the great intellectual things of this world. Philosophy has tried many times to find a blanket to cover with but it is always too narrow. Science has tried to find a blanket but it is always too narrow. Infidelity has tried to find a blanket, but it is too narrow. The atheist has tried to find a blanket, but it is too narrow. There are no "isms" or "sisms" in this world that can give you a blanket to cover with. There is no one who is able to do that but Christ.

My friend, you may try to cover

yourself with things of the world; you may reach for the cover of pride and try to cover with it, but you can not cover that soul—your arms are going to stick out; your elbows and your knees are going to stick out; it is too narrow to cover with. And the blanket of procrastination will never be able to cover you. You may say "I'll put off my salvation today" and keep putting it off, but someday it will be too late. Procrastination is the thief of time, stealing away opportunity from the human race. Then you may reach for the blanket of hypocrisy and try to cover with it. But God knows who you are and who you pretend to be. You may say you have the great blessing, but God knows who has it. In their hypocrisy Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Holy Ghost. They pretended they had done something when they had not, and the penalty was death. You may reach for the blanket of self-will, but it will not cover you; it is too narrow. Those old knees are going to stick out. Or you may reach for the blanket of morality, and you will discover that it will not cover you. You may say, "Well, preacher, I am not a bad fellow. I do not commit any heinous sin. I give to the church; I go to church; I say my prayers; I treat my fellow man right, and I give to the poor. Hear me, friend; even heathens believe in doing those things. Even back in the days of Christ, the Pharisees and the Sadducees believed in doing those things for a big show. But Jesus says, "That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." So we have got to go beyond their righteousness. Now some will reach for the cover of "don't care." They will say, "I don't care who knows what I do." Oh, yes, you do care; you are only saying that to try to cover up. You do care; you are just trying to cover up with that blanket. It will not give you security. You may boast and say, "I don't care this," and "I don't care that." And you may say, "Well I've been born again and I am okay."

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THE VISION of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant [thank God for the remnant he has always left], we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah" (Isaiah 1:1-9).

SMITING OF FELLOW SERVANTS

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

"But know this, that if the good-man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give

Putrifying Sores

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PART II

them meat (food) in due season?

"Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

"Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

"But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

"And shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

"The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

"And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth," Matthew 24:42-51.

"And shall begin to smite (kieleon blast, strike, beat, afflict) his fellow-servants (a companion or associate; one of the same kind; a comrade or partner)."

Who but the Omniscent One could have looked ahead two thousand years, disclosing a foresight of conditions that would so imperil the work of the Lord—tearing down and destroying rather than building up the kingdom.

"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and *what shall be the sign of thy coming,*

and of the end of the world?" Matthew 24:3.

No more the sign of a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger, but the signs of His return for a Church not having spot or wrinkle, for those who have made their robes white, washed in the blood of the Lamb and watching for His return.

"So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." Matthew 24:33.

Yes, we have recognized some of the deceivers coming in the name of Christ, though I'm sure many wolves in sheep's clothing are yet lurking to devour the flock of God, undiscerned.

Generations, without exception, have heard of wars and rumors of war.

Nation has risen against nation, kingdom against kingdom; there have been famines, pestilences, troubles, and earthquakes in divers places.

Disciples of Jesus have been delivered up to be afflicted; they have been killed; they have been hated of all nations for His name's sake.

Many have been offended; one has betrayed the other; hatred has supplanted love in the hearts of many.

False prophets have arisen; many have been deceived. Iniquity abounds; love has waxed cold.

These and other signs foretold by Christ have been recognized without question and given much prominence, but have we overlooked this sore evil of smiting of fellow-servants that doth eat like a canker—eating away at the very vitals of the Christian Church, arousing suspicion, stifling confidence, creating confusion, dividing rather than unifying believers; yea, weakening the arms of the Church. This sore evil from within Christianity must cease if we are to convert the unbelievers and lead the erring into the way, if the ministry of the Word is to be effective.

Two thousand years ago the angel Gabriel was sent from God to the Virgin Mary with the announcement of Jesus' birth, declaring, "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end," Luke 1:32, 33. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" John 1:11, 12. To his disciples he said, "... I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

He did not take over the earthly kingdom but He established a kingdom within a kingdom, an everlasting kingdom. "And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you," Luke 17:20, 21. "Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world," John 18:36. "Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

"... The kingdom of heaven is

like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened," Matthew 13:31-33.

"... and of his kingdom there shall be no end." The seed has become a tree; the whole has been leavened. Oh, glorious day!

Who are the subjects of this kingdom; what nationality are they? They are God's "whosoever," they have no nationality in particular, but are the redeemed out of every kindred and tongue, tribe and nation; the born again, blood washed, Spirit filled body of believers, the body of Christ, the Church. The Church, with Christ as the head, has been in the making for approximately two thousand years and is now being readied, by the Holy Ghost, for presentation to Christ upon His return. Oh yes, when the Bride is united with the Groom, there will be a royal reception that will exceed all earth's grand receptions; it will be a feast that will last for seven years and the place for the banqueting will be in the royalties of the skies.

Satan very well knows the Founder and Builder of the Church, Christ, we being workers together with Him, if so be we are in Christ; for he met Him face to face in the wilderness temptation. He attempted to prevail over Christ before the Church was born, and for ages he has so attempted to prevail over the church; but the sure Word of the Lord liveth and abideth forever, "he shall not prevail." Nevertheless, as long as the Church is in the world, she will be attacked by Satan for he is the prince of this world and has no part with Christ. However, his strategy has changed. He no longer makes his heaviest assaults from without; but has transformed himself into an angel of light and comes into the sheepfold some other way, other than by the door, for to steal and to kill. Upon observation of his devastating weapons, one that seems to be most deadly is this smiting of fellow-servants. I recall an allegory that brought to light Satan's carefully planned strategy to overthrow the church that fits so beautifully here; I want to relate it. He (Satan) called together all his host of de-

mons and devils and presented to them his scheme for an all out final assault to overthrow the Church. For centuries and centuries he had attacked the Church again and again in a futile effort to exterminate it; but upon being convinced that was impossible, he revised his tactics and charged his demons and devils to transform themselves into angels of light, get inside the Church and induce them to fight among themselves, to bite and devour one another. And that Satan is the author of such is without question.

This sore evil has developed into an epidemic. There seems to be immunity nowhere, locally, nationally or internationally. But who is willing to acknowledge it or anxiously cry out, "Is it I? Search me, O God, thou who triest the reins of the heart, and see if there be any wicked way in me." The Lord hath said, "I judge no man, but my words judge you." Perhaps many have wielded their weapon as an instrument of Satan unwittingly; nevertheless, it is, high time we awoke to this unwarranted siege of the devil, lest we labor in vain.

Who is the guilty that we may charge them? The verdict would be pulpit and pew alike.

Only recently, I listened to a perfectly good sermon via radio; but the minister, instead of concluding with an appeal to the lost and needy, gave himself to smiting his fellow-servants. He pounced upon another religious group in his town and gave them a good smiting before he left the air. A good fellow in his own eyes, but the Lord hath said an evil servant.

Upon another occasion, a minister of one denomination in a city concluded his broadcast by smiting the fellow-servant who was to follow him with a program, from another denomination; and the minister who followed him, in turn, began his program by smiting back at the minister who had preceded him. Perhaps we have cause to wonder why the lost are so unconcerned and many are falling away, maybe not in numbers, but in heart. Smiting is crippling and sometimes causes death, you know. Under such

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THE INWARD MAN

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pass; it shall be no more prolonged" (Ezekiel 12:25).

Child of God, the next time you feel urged to say, "I do not feel condemned," over some matter in your life, turn prayerfully to the Word of God. If you find God has condemned it in His Word, it is *surely condemned*. If the Word of God condemns anything in your life now, it will condemn you in judgment when the books are opened. It has been wisely said, "If you are in doubt about some matter, do not do it!"

"For this is the love of God, that we KEEP his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous" (1 John 5:3).



A CHALLENGE: WHAT ARE YOU LIVING FOR?

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modern Ph.D's in cultural and educational attainments, renounced all the preferments of the Egyptian court as dross when compared with the infinite honours of serving Christ. He saw in the Christian life a mold for character, a summons to heroism and courage, and a challenge worthy of any steel-mettled adventurer.

This is a creed for heroes and will not suffer in its ranks the modern sons of cowardice who shun every challenging encounter with adverse circumstances. The Founder of Christianity Himself ranks infinitely higher in heroism, fortitude, and pluck than all the warriors that have ever trod this earth. Colossians 1:15 speaks of the divine Warrior in His brave encounter with the forces of hell, "And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, *triumphing over them* . . ." Jesus extends the invitation for young people to enter the spiritual lists by embracing the despised cross. By the power of God through faith, the Christian is more than a conqueror in treading in the steps of the Warrior, Jesus Christ.

Many young men have obeyed Him Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and have now found

life pregnant with meaning and hope. They are called upon to draw from an inexhaustible divine resource. Here on our college campus you will find over a dozen brawny, stalwart men who have heeded the challenge of Christ when He says, "He that will come after me, let him deny himself, take up His cross and follow me." Being convinced that no life is worth living without Christ, they have received Him and are now equipping themselves to declare the good news to others. Will you also join them in their all-out combat against unrighteousness and sin? God shall give you the grace to make this important decision for Christ if you only trust Him.



WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH THE BED?

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You may believe in eternal security. Hear me, my friend; the only time you have security is when you keep your hand in the hand of God. Hear me; you may say that you have been born again and that you have eternal security, but Jesus said, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

Eternal security comes in the hand of God. You can take yourself out of the hand of God any time that you wish to. You can leave the sheep fold any time you so desire. Backslider, because you were once born again does not give you eternal security. You have got to come back to God. I think one of the most dangerous doctrines taught to humanity is the doctrine that teaches that because a man has been born again he has eternal security, regardless of what he does. Your eternal security is effective only as you keep yourself in the fold of God. When you leave your father's house and turn your back on God, there is no eternal security there, Brother. I can not see it any other way.

There is another blanket that people will reach out and try to cover themselves with. That is their "church-anity." You can ask some people, "Are you a Christian?" They will answer, "I belong to such

and such a church." You can ask him, "Is your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life?" They will answer, "I belong to so and so." Belonging to such and such or so and so is not going to give you security. They will never answer you and tell you that they are a real Christian. Their answer is always, "I belong to so and so." You may have your name upon every church record of every organization in this whole world but unless you are covered with the blood of Christ, you will die and go to a devil's hell.

There is another blanket that so many people are trying to cover with, and that is, "Mama and Papa believe so and so." Maybe Papa and Mama did walk in as much light as they had in their day and age, but are you walking in the eternal light of God's Word? Papa and Mama's religion is not going to save you. It is possible for a man to be sincere and honest and still be wrong, die and go to a devil's hell. There are some who, when asked to unite with the church, will say, "I hate to leave such and such a place." They profess to be born-again Christians, wanting to do the will of God, but they are tied to the graveyard of the church and do not want to move their membership. There are many who profess to have a real experience with God, but God knows whether they really possess it or not. Many are still tied to the graveyard of some church. God wants us to go where we can do the most good. Then there are others who will reach for that blanket, "I believe this or I believe that." From my observation, I've discovered that about 90 per cent of the people base their belief on what some preacher has said or what some man has said instead of the Word of God.

We have considered the bedstead; it is too short. We have considered the covering; it is too narrow. Beloved, may I point you to the Lamb of God? Lay down on the bed of His promises by faith. Having faith in God and being born again of His Spirit will enable you to stretch out on this bed. The first blanket you will reach for, by

faith, is sanctification. You may have this blanket simply by having faith in the atoning blood of Christ, and by keeping your heart pure and clean and free from the things of this world.

The next blanket that you will reach for, by faith and praise, is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. This bed gives you security through the blood of Jesus that you are safe. The Comforter that Jesus said He would send is the blessed Holy Ghost. The baptism of the Holy Ghost gives you power to overcome, to endure and to witness for Him. You might say, "How will I know when I have received the Baptism?" Acts 2:4. We know when He comes because He speaks. That is the evidence of receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit—you will speak in other tongues.

Beloved, let us go on to higher heights and deeper depths in the love of God. Let us get out of the old rut and soar high in the love of God. I once read the story of a man who was traveling around and stopped at a little country zoo. As he stopped and looked, his attention was attracted by an eagle a man had chained. That poor old eagle could go only so far and he wandered around and around the post he was chained to. He had gone around so much that there was a rut worn in the path he continually followed. The man asked the owner of the eagle if he would sell the eagle, and the owner told him he would. The man asked him the price and the man told him. He gave the man the money and the new owner told the zoo keeper to turn the eagle loose. The man told him that the eagle was his now, and he could do as he wished. The fellow took the chain off of the eagle's leg. But the old eagle had been chained so long that even with the chain off his leg, he kept going around and around. The man went to the eagle and kicked him out of the rut, and said, "Go on, you're free." As the old eagle stood there for just a second or two; he stretched out his wings, realizing suddenly that he was free. He sprang up into the air and went soaring around and around; he went higher and higher. Once in

awhile you could hear him give a keen holler as he went soaring around and around in the air. They stood and watched the eagle until he got so high his feathers glittered in the sunlight. God has redeemed us by the blood of His precious Son, and He wants us to go on to greater heights and deeper depths in His love.



PUTRIFYING SORES

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circumstances we must follow the example of our Lord and turn our back to the smiters. Jesus said, "whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, (don't smite back), turn to him the other also," Matthew 5:39.

These are not rare occurrences or special occasions; such instances are common evils heard the world over, both in and out of religious circles, and we must be concerned about the Master's business that we waste not the kingdom.

These are days when the Christian Church must be strong, not necessarily numerically, but strong in the Lord and the power of His might, for we must fight the strong foe until he is ultimately defeated. The things we do and the things we say as Christian leaders must unify rather than divide the body of believers. The body of Christ is one and hath many members. "And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:" 1 Corinthians 12:21, 22. Without all the members of the body, and they in co-ordination, the body would be handicapped. One member cannot go it alone without the rest of the body. Each has a duty to perform.

We have our union revivals, union meetings, fellowship meetings, clubs, associations, etc. to foster fellowship among believers, but we must acknowledge the goal sought has not been realized with gratifying results.

Many a church member with cul-

tured intellect and pleasant manners who would not stoop to an immoral act, to stealing, to murder, to lying, to covetousness or idolatry, to drunkenness, to adultery or any of many unnamed sins, has placed himself at the disposition of Satan and become a powerful instrument in his hands by smiting his fellow servants. And the terrible sin of this evil is excusing it, even in our own lives, rather than condemning it. Take a look into your own heart and see if a germ lives there that upon exposure would break out with deadly contagion and afflict the whole family of believers; or perhaps there may be any number of skeletons of victims who died at your hands or were bruised and so terribly beaten that they shall never be able to fully recuperate; for the sake of the cause of Christ, of souls and of the times, quarantine yourself and your heart until, under Christ's care, you have been pronounced clean, free of all implications. We must not allow ourselves to be deceived into thinking that forgetting these crimes will suffice for repentance. We cannot pretend ignorance of the wrong and be justified. We must be made clean before we can stand in His presence uncondemned.

This is by no means a new device of Satan, but serves to remind us the devil has lost none of his devilishness and that we must be alert. Dating back to the days of Jeremiah, the prophet, we find this reminder: "Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words," Jeremiah 18:18. Yes, they plotted to smite the man of God, and smite they did. Were they effective? Yes, momentarily they fanned the winds of discouragement, outwardly; but greater was He that was within than he that was without. Jeremiah rode out the storm victoriously, but under his oppression he cried out, "O Lord, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed-

ed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.

"For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the Lord was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, (mock, laugh, ridicule, scorn, contempt) daily.

"Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was *weary with forbearing*, (to abstain from, to be patient) and I could not stay (rest, stand still).

"For I heard the *defaming* (to injure or destroy the good reputation of, accuse falsely, asperse, villify) of many, fear on every side. Report, say they, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my *halting*, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

"But the Lord is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten," Jeremiah 20:7-11.

Even long before James the Apostle lived, the devil knew the effectiveness of that deadly little member, the tongue. And James, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, reminds the household of faith that it has lost none of its poison through the centuries. "*Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.*"

"But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison," James 3:5, 6, 8.

Since every member has a tongue, we cannot say that this Scripture is for the other fellow. This is a personal concern for all, no exceptions. We must, every member of the body of Christ, take heed lest the voice of the Lord condemn us with the cry of a brother's blood

from the earth—a crime no less terrible than the crime of Cain, who slew his brother, Abel. The crime could be committed anywhere; from the pulpit, the printed page, over the airways, in the living room of your own home, or perhaps around the lunch table, or over the coffee cup; from house to house—that innocent gossip that means no harm. Some lay members and preachers too, have so smitten their pastors (on the back, too), the evangelists, the board members, the committeemen, the officials, until they have left them dead in the eyes of some people, influence gone, effectiveness; and with no feeling of remorse, feeling justified out of the evil of the heart.

BIBLE VERSE



Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. — MATTHEW 4:4

Some have so smitten organizations that were brought to birth, unmistakably by the Holy Spirit for a definite purpose in the kingdom of God; that has nourished and brought up children, preserved the remnant, provided shelter from the raging storms of the world; gallantly pioneered the gospel trails, forever facing the foe, and has gone and is going into all the world with the gospel, that her wounds bleed continuously. And we hear again the voice of the Lord when brother rose up against brother and slew him, "the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me. . . ." Genesis 4:8, 10.

And may I add here that it

stands without repute that organized efforts, under the Holy Spirit's guidance, is the strongest effort in the world and the devil unmistakably knows it; that is why he is so cunningly trying to disillusion people concerning organization. It is the greatest ways and means of propagating the gospel in all the world.

Evil tears down, does not build up; destroys, not saves; creates confusion instead of peace, and the Lord is not the author of such. Those who so indulge have allowed themselves to become emissaries of Satan. If you recognize evil in the camp, don't destroy the camp, you become guilty of blood; but pray for the evil to be removed; destroy it. If you recognize evil in an individual, don't kill the man, you become guilty of brother blood; but pray that the evil be removed; Christ came to save men's lives, not destroy them. If you recognize evil in an organization, don't destroy the organization; if it be of God, you become guilty of mass murder, such atrocious crimes; but seek the Lord until HE removes the evil.

If you're allowed to preach the whole gospel, don't run off and leave its members, fellow servants to suffer; that would be cowardice and traitorism; but stay with it, binding up, not opening up, wounds, pouring in oil until the sores be healed. The Lord will never destroy the Church because of evil, but He will love it and cherish it, casting out the evil. But forever and forever the Word of the Lord hath said, "thy brother's blood will I require at thine hand."

"Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

"There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?" James 4:11, 12.

'Tis true we may recognize some tares growing in the wheat fields, but the Lord taught us to leave those alone and go on sowing the good seed; and in the end of the world, the time of harvest, He would send

forth His angels to gather first the tares, the children of the wicked one, and bind them in bundles to burn; then gather the wheat into His barn. Matthew 13:37, 38. Why are His disciples forbidden to uproot the tares? "... lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them," Matthew 13:29. They were to *preach the word*. "Recompense to no man evil for evil. . . . Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord," Romans 12:17, 19.

"Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

"Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

"For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

"Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace and ensue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: *but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil,*" 1 Peter 3:8-12.

Parents 10 Persuasive Proclamations

Why you should plan to send your child to a
Church of God Youth Camp.

By Floyd D. Carey, Jr.

1. Youth Camp is the official training and entertaining site for Church of God youth—the core of our congregations and the pulse of our pulpits tomorrow.
2. The unique atmosphere of a Christian camp, an outdoor program with adventure and fascination, gives wonderful opportunity for influencing lives for Christ.
3. Inspirational training received will lay a steady foundation that will enable your child to make wise decisions in time of crisis. A definite emphasis is placed on the spiritual growth of every camper.
4. It will help your child adopt a positive and constructive attitude and foster a desire to "go God's way."
5. Your child will be exposed to Christian teachings and guidance, under competent Christian leadership, in a stimulating Christian environment.
6. Bible study will lead the way for your child to acquire a Christian philosophy of life and zeal for soul-winning. They will be taught the need of develop-

ing a stalwart Christian character that will refuse to compromise with unbelief and evil.

7. It offers things to make and do, captivating handicrafts, recreational competition, nature expeditions and projects to stimulate the young imagination. A complete, correlated daily schedule.
8. In today's competitive world when a child's faith would be in conflict, integration, juvenile delinquency, complete annihilation, a teen-ager needs spiritual assistance to meet successfully the emergencies of life. No parents should deny their child the opportunity of attending Youth Camp.
9. Nightly services at Youth Camp create an excellent setting for your child to obtain Biblical soundness, spiritual fervor, evangelistic passion and to arouse enthusiasm for an important ministry in the church.
10. One of the greatest institutions founded in this century for the benefit of the local church and the proper spiritual development of her youth has been Youth Camp. Every Church of God parent should take advantage of this means of reaching and developing their child for Christ and His Church.

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HARRISON

Mrs. Alda B. Harrison, wife of the late Rev. William Harrison, departed this life on April 9, 1959, at the age of 82. She is survived by 2 daughters, Mrs. Ruby Snead of Thomasville, Georgia, and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Green of Wayne, Michigan; and 1 son, Raymond, of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Sister Harrison was a member of the North Cleveland Church of God and was known and loved by everyone. She was the editor of the *Lighted Pathway* for many, many years.

Her funeral was at the North Cleveland Church of God. Rev. Lewis J. Willis, assisted by Rev. F. W. Goff, conducted the funeral.

—Rev. F. W. Goff, pastor

CHAPMAN

Sister Vera Chapman passed away at the age of 72. She was confined to her bed and could hardly talk. As we spoke of Mama Chapman, as she was affectionately known, nearly everyone would say, "She is a wonderful woman." Her children and step-children called her blessed. She became a member of the Church of God when it was organized in 1939 along with a daughter and step-son, all faithful members. Many times I heard her pray "Jesus, come and get me," and Jesus answered that prayer, until we shall meet her again.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. T. R. Martin.

—T. R. Martin, pastor

RAWELL

Mrs. Mattie Bell Rawell, member of the Brunel Street Church of God in Waycross, Georgia, departed this life on December 24, 1958. She is survived by her husband, Arlie Rawell; daughter, Mrs. Velma Taylor; 3 sons, Marvin, Howard, and Richard.

Her funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Leroy Carver and the Rev. Joe E. Flowers.

Sister Rawell is deeply missed by all the members and Sunday School class. She was a beloved person and missed by all.

—Mrs. M. L. Weldon, reporter

ARROWOOD

The Rev. Lewis W. Arrowood, 53, a Church of God evangelist, died at the Good Samaritan Hospital of injuries received in a car accident March 29, 1959. Mr. Arrowood was returning from Easter Sunday services at the East Seventh Street Church of God at the time of the accident.

He was born in Canoe, Breathitt County, a son of the late William and America McIntosh Arrowood. He entered the ministry in 1931, serving churches in Winchester, Ravenna, Lynch, and Louisville; Marktree, Arkansas; and Decatur, Illinois. He had served as an evangelist for a number of years and had lived in Lexington four years.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Laura Clay Arrowood; 1 daughter, Mrs. Edward Gilbert; 2 sons, William A. and John D.; 2 brothers, Dewey Arrowood, and the Rev. John Arrowood; 1 sister, Mrs. James C. Farris; and 4 grandsons.

Funeral services were conducted at the Lexington Church of God with Rev. T. A. Perkins, Rev. R. E. Worley and Rev. D. B. Hatfield officiating. His body was laid to rest in the Winchester Cemetery.

—Reporter

HEFFNER

On April 24, 1959, Sister Eva. H. Heffner slipped away to be with Jesus after a long life of 80 years, 9 months and 18 days. She became a Christian at a very early age and was an active minister of the gospel for many years. She and her sister, Mary Cook, were instrumental in helping to establish several churches.

Her funeral was conducted at the Church of God in Old Fort, North Carolina, of which she had been a faithful member for a number of years. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Earl T. Golden, and assisted by 2 of her former pastors, Brother G. A. McCurry and Brother G. H. Grooms, Jr.

She is survived by 2 daughters, 4 sons, her sister, and a number of grandchildren.

Sister Heffner's faithful life will long remain an inspiring memory to our congregation.

—Earl T. Golden, pastor

MORRIS

Thomas Morris, age 79, had been a member of the Humboldt, Tennessee, Church of God for a number of years. He had to miss a number of regular services because of his sick wife, who preceded him in death by three weeks. Though sick himself with heartdropsey, he came as often as possible.

On Friday night, April 17, he told his brother that he longed to come to church. As they started to church, Brother Tom suffered an attack and went to be with the Lord.

Brother Morris is survived by 3 sons and 1 daughter, and 2 brothers, one of whom is also a Church of God member.

At a prayer service with him the night before his passing, I heard him say, "I love the Lord and I love the Church of God and I long to come back to church again." Thank God, he did.

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor and Rev. Rupert Gooche.

—T. R. Martin, pastor

NICHOLS

Charles S. Nichols was born April 23, 1870, near Mt. Vernon, Illinois. He was united in marriage to Gertrude Lett of Patoka, Illinois, on March 1, 1893, and to this union were born 2 sons, Virgil F. and James B. Besides his sons, Brother Nichols leaves to mourn his passing, 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

He was converted early in life and was united with the Church of God in Urbana, Illinois, 25 years ago. He lived in Canada for 5 years and the rest of his life was lived in Urbana except for the last 2½ years which he spent in Detroit with his son. His constant testimony was that he was prepared to meet the Lord whenever He should call. The call came at 12:45 noon on February 18, 1959, and Charles S. Nichols went to be with the Lord.

—Reporter

GROSS

Mrs. Delphia Gross, a faithful member of the Church of God for 52 years, went home to be with Jesus, February 25, 1959. God had blessed her with a full life. At the age of 79 years, her health began failing after a fall which resulted in a broken leg. She was still able to attend services occasionally. Her husband, Archie W. Gross, preceded her in death 23 years ago. She leaves 6 sons and 1 daughter, E. J., Roy, John E., Conda, Virgel, Amos, and Mrs. Goldie Herd.

Services were conducted at the Maple Street Church of God by Willie Cook, pastor. She was laid to rest in the Riverside Cemetery, Hazard, Kentucky.

—Mrs. Willie Cook, reporter



testimonies

GOD REMOVES CANCER

MT. HOPE, W. Va.—I am fulfilling a vow that I made to God more than two years ago that if He would heal my body of cancer I would testify to my healing through the *Evangel* and other religious papers. I have much to be thankful for. I know God lifted me off my death bed. One night I knew I could not be here long unless there was a miracle. I turned my face to the wall and prayed. God spoke to me in a loving but commanding voice and said, "Don't give up. Hold on. As long as there is life, there is hope." I will never forget the voice. For about three weeks I was expected to die any time. I knew no one, not even my children. When I was conscious, I would pray. I came to the place where I was willing to die or willing to live, and I asked God very sincerely to please either take me or heal me.

One cold winter night I knew I could not live more than a few minutes unless God came on the scene I was hemorrhaging so badly. They took me to the hospital, and the doctor told my husband he could come see me any time he wished, as they were expecting me to die just any time. I had 21 X-ray therapy treatments and radium twice, but I still could not see much difference in my condition until one day I raised my bony hands to Jesus and prayed "Jesus, You said anything we ask the Father in Your name, You would do it. Please don't let me be bleeding when I awake in the morning and never let me bleed any more." Praise God! I felt the Spirit of God. I went back to the hospital yesterday and three doctors examined me and said there was absolutely no trace of cancer. One doctor said it was almost unbelievable, but I know our God can and will do all things for us if we only trust Him. I want to thank every child of God who prayed for my healing and to ask you to pray for me now for my financial needs. I lost my husband a year ago, but my determination is to be a light for Jesus. Pray for the little

church here where I am pastor. It is a new work.

May God bless everyone who reads my testimony; for when I was so sick, I would read healing testimonies and they would build up my faith. Dear suffering friends, look to Jesus; stand on His promises, for He won't fail us if we commit our lives to His care.

—Mrs. Bonnie (Williams) Smith

PRaise GOD FOR HEALING UNKNOWN MALADY

CHIEFLAND, Fla.—I praise and thank God for His wonderful love and mercy. I had been going to doctors for over two years and did not get much better. They didn't tell me what my trouble was. I asked God to heal me and promised to send my testimony to the *Evangel* if He would. Thank God for His healing power. It has been over three months and I have not been back to a doctor. I thank and praise God. My husband and children have all been healed. Pray for me that I may stand true.

—Mrs. Annie Mae Durrance

PRaise GOD FOR REVIVAL SPIRIT

BROOKLYN, N.Y.—We thank the Lord for sending Rev. Vincent Grassano to pastor the Brooklyn Church of God. There has been a continuous revival, and the Lord has given us spirit-filled people, and new members added to our church. The church has grown more than double in every department. God is using our young people in a marvelous way. We thank God for our young consecrated pastor. We desire each and everyone's prayers that we may help win some of the lost millions in this great city of New York.

—Joan Clapper, reporter

LORD HELPS THROUGH OPERATION

LEXINGTON, N. C.—I would like to express my appreciation to each and every one on the staff of the *Evangel*. It is wonderful. In fact, I place it next to my Bible. I also want to thank the Lord for what He means to me and for His healing power. On February 13 I was operated on. I had entered the hospital a week earlier for X rays. My side had given me trouble for years, and the last three years, I had suffered terribly. They examined my stomach and side and said there was something in my side that shouldn't be there. The doctors operated and found only an enlarged appendix and a cyst on my right ovary about the size of an orange. I know that the Lord helped me through this operation and I praise Him for it.

—Mrs. Nellie Wilson

PARTIALLY BLIND—SIGHT RESTORED

SWAINSBORO, Ga.—We are members of the best church I know of—the good old Church of God in Swainsboro, Georgia. I don't have the words to express what our dear Saviour means to us, for He saved our souls and gave us the Holy Ghost. I praise His dear name for His healing. There is nothing He cannot heal, for I have seen Him heal many times, and I want the world to know that He still heals today. Praise His precious name! I want the world to hear about the time that God healed my eyes. I had almost gone blind. My eyesight would fade out for a time, and I could not see anything. During our revival, they had a prayer line for the sick and God spoke to me and told me that if I would go through the line He would heal me. My eyes were healed instantly and are still healed today! Glory be to His precious name!

Pray that we will always do our best for God.

—George Willis

BURSITIS HEALED BY POWER OF GOD

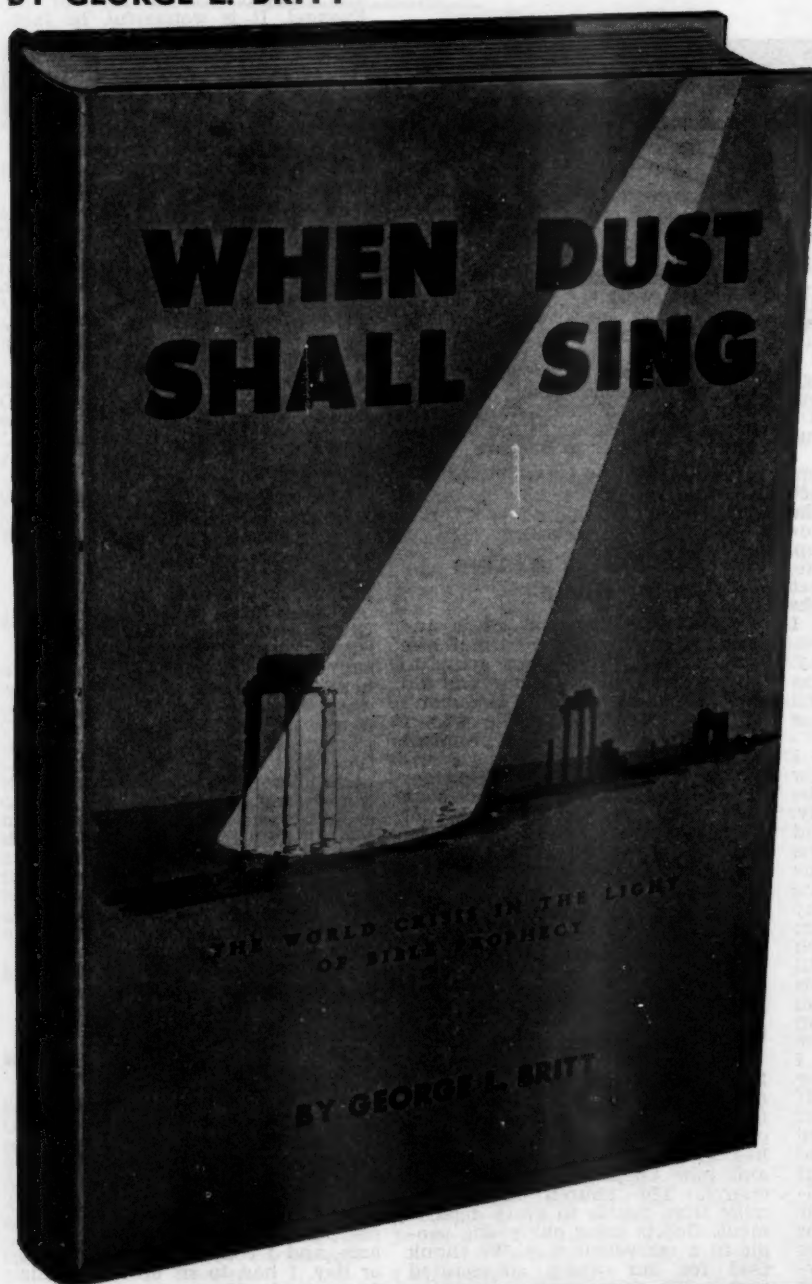
NEWPORT, Tenn.—I want to give my testimony for the glory of God and to help others who might have suffered in like manner. I was afflicted with something like bursitis in the joints of my arm. I could not pull off my clothes or raise my arm, and I couldn't sleep at night or day. I had to sit up in a chair for a week. My husband held on to God and the Lord healed me. When I get sick, my husband prays for me and the Lord heals me.

—Mrs. L. G. Rouse

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